

the rule that the confidential relationship between physician and patient necessitates a close examination of all dealings between such parties in order to protect a person in a weakened condition peculiarly subject to suggestions on the part of his physician in whom he must repose a certain amount of confidence and trust. It was held, however, that independent advice was not indispensable to negative the presumption of undue influence. This presumption the court pointed out is by no means conclusive and if at the trial the physician produces sufficient evidence that the patient acted voluntarily and with a full appreciation of the consequences of his act, the transaction will be sustained notwithstanding the confidential relationship.

LETTERS†

Concerning Medical Literature to Station Hospitals of Military Camps Located in California

Editor's Note.—In the January issue, report was given and comment made concerning medical journals and books sent by the C.M.A. Postgraduate Committee, to Colleagues in Military Service. (January CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 3.) A letter from the Postgraduate Committee to Medical Officers in Command appears below. Also some replies:

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Scientific Assembly: Committee on Postgraduate Activities

San Francisco, January 29, 1943.

To: *The Medical Officer in Command.*

STATION HOSPITAL
_____, California

FROM: *C.M.A. Postgraduate Committee.*

SUBJECT: *"California and Western Medicine," official journal of California Medical Association.*

Dear Doctor:

Because your Camp is located in California, members of your Hospital Station may be interested in scanning the pages of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, official journal of the California Medical Association.

The C.M.A. Postgraduate Committee has arranged to have your Camp placed on the *complimentary mailing list of C. and W. M.*, to permit the JOURNAL to be available in your Station library.

The roster of County Medical Societies appears in each issue, in the front advertising section, on advertising page 4. We know that the members of the local society of the county in which your own Camp is located, will be glad to have members of your own staff feel free to attend and take part in county society meetings.

We also take the liberty of calling your attention to the addresses of the medical libraries in California, on advertising page 5.

Medical news, of a military nature, appears in each issue of C. and W. M., under the caption, "California Committee on Participation of the Medical Profession in the War Effort."

With good wishes, and hoping you will feel free to

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inform us if, at any time, you think we can be of service.

Cordially and fraternally,

C.M.A. POSTGRADUATE COMMITTEE
By GEORGE H. KRESS, M. D.,
Secretary-Editor.

STATION HOSPITAL
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
Fort _____, California

February 1, 1943.

Dear Dr. Kress:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 29, 1943, and for the copies of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE which were received some time ago.

Several members of our staff are California doctors, and they, as well as the rest of us, will enjoy and profit by perusing your journals, I am sure.

Thanking you again for the sentiments expressed in your letter of January 29th, I am,

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) _____,
Colonel, Medical Corps,
Surgeon.

STATION HOSPITAL
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
_____, Flying School
_____, California

February 1, 1943.

To: *C.M.A. Postgraduate Committee,
San Francisco, California.*

Gentlemen:

Your letter of January 29, 1943, in which you have stated that this camp has been placed on the complimentary mailing list of C. and W. M., has been received and I wish to thank you for the staff, as a whole, for your consideration, and am quite sure it will aid considerably in keeping contact with the medical world outside.

You may be assured that you will be called upon if, at any time, we think you can be of service. Also, the libraries will be used frequently.

Cordially and fraternally,
(Signed) _____,
Major, Medical Corps,
Surgeon.

_____, A.A.F. FLYING TRAINING DETACHMENT
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
_____, California

December 28, 1942.

SUBJECT: *Medical Literature.*

To: *California Medical Association, 450 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California.*

1. In receipt of copy of C. & W. M., and letter your office, dated December 24, 1942, same subject, both of which are sincerely appreciated.

2. This effort as presented on page 230, October issue of C. & W. M., in our opinion will be equally appreciated by all Medical Officers in the Armed Forces. The C. & W. M. itself contains considerable information of interest to both of us, and we shall be very highly appreciative if we can be kept on its mailing list.

3. It so happens that Dr. _____ prior to entering into the Armed Forces has been a pathologist, and myself, an E.E.N.T. Specialist, and we would both sincerely appreciate literature on these respective subjects, if it can at all be possible.